

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

-- A communication apparatus includes a plurality of network connection units connected to a network. The communication apparatus (a) notifies ~~[[to]]~~ an external device of a plurality of IP addresses assigned ~~respectively~~ to the plurality of network connection units ~~respectively~~ so that the external device can select one of the plurality of IP addresses, and (b) ~~selects from the plurality of IP addresses an IP address selected by the external device, and~~ (c) releases the plurality of IP addresses except ~~the selected~~ an IP address~~[[,]]~~ selected by the external device so that the communication apparatus ~~provides a~~ can provide a service to the external device via the network using the ~~selected~~ IP address selected by the external device.--